

North River CHURCH of CHRIST

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Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Youth & Family Ministry

Chase & Sarah Mackintosh

Campus Ministry

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Children's Ministry

Melissa Tulloch

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YES! Ministry

Jasmine Jackson

Supporting Mission Efforts In:

Africa, Auburn-Tuskegee,
Chattanooga, Europe, Knoxville

Wanted Immediately: Newsletter Team Member



The sister who publishes our newsletter and has been volunteering behind-the-scenes for nearly the last year is stepping aside to focus on her new work schedule. While another sister is planning to get trained to step in asap next month, we need a backup for when people are sick or on vacation.

There is a team of compilers and editors, but you would specifically be responsible for the layout of the material, which is put together using Microsoft Publisher and is the last step in the creation process. A member recently donated a laptop PC, which can be provided if needed. This role can be done remotely with a commitment of 4-6 hours between Thursday and Saturday for the particular week this person is responsible for layout. Training will be provided. Thank you from (I'm sure) the entire NR family! *We do ask that you have been a NR member for at least 6 months to be considered.

Raising Christian Families



Here at North River, Steve and Sue Shoff have a special place in our hearts! They are the parents of Nick and Kenzie Shoff and have lots to share with our church family. Today, the couple will be preaching on Philippians 4, and Sue will be sharing for communion. Right after the second service, they will conduct a special Youth & Family presentation and Q&A in FLC 201 at 12:30pm for all who would like to attend. The topic is "Raising Christian Families who Love, Laugh and Learn Together." Please welcome Steve and Sue!

Lighthouse Update

We are excited to share the progress with the Lighthouse. Construction is almost complete, and we are now in the final stages, going through safety inspections and furnishing the building thanks to our members' generous donations. Thank you for your dreams for this new light on our campus. We look forward to sharing with you soon when the actual opening will be. Right now, we are planning a grand opening in the new year, but we hope to be able to use the building much sooner than that. Please continue to pray for how God is preparing to use the Lighthouse in Atlanta!



Marty Solomon & BEMA Discipleship

Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 7 as North River welcomes Marty Solomon, a Bible teacher who leads the BEMA Discipleship Podcast. BEMA's goal for listeners is "To love God. To love others. To become people of the Text."



Healing, stretching, and growing as a 62-year-old man and a 43-year-old disciple have been the norm for this seasoned disciple this past year thanks to insights from the BEMA Discipleship Podcast by Marty Solomon and Brent Billings. I first listened to BEMA last November and immediately did a BEMA-inspired midweek lesson on "Whose Empire Are You Building?" It has been inspiring to see the healthy virus of trusting the text spread throughout North River and the entire Kingdom. My personal favorite insights from BEMA include: "God is enough," "I am enough," "God gives us just enough," "God meets us in our shame," and "Trust the story." I am trusting God in a deeper way as He weaves my story into His story here at North River. -Steve Brand

Kathryn and I started listening to the BEMA Discipleship podcast just after Christmas of 2018. What has resonated so much with us is the deeper dive into the intent of the authors in writing the Scriptures. We are eavesdropping on a very Eastern conversation, and as a result so many of our assumptions about God, the Scriptures, and God's working in the world have actually been incomplete. We have been deeply comforted by God's over-arching love as portrayed all throughout the Bible and provoked by the podcasts to do more wrestling with the problems that the Bible presents. I'm confident that your faith will be challenged and enriched by Marty's visit to North River in December! -Greg Dillon



Learn Sign Language!



Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL). Join us for our first ASL meetup on **Sunday, Nov. 3 from 1-2:30pm at Cool Beans Coffee Roasters** (31 Mill St, Marietta Square). Suggested \$5 donation for our instructor. To be added to the group, contact list call Shay Rowe (678-920-3838), Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881) or visit <https://forms.gle/EXDodCSg6P66W81j9>

Communities

Central

Jeff & Kristi Hickman
Dennis Pickens

East

Jacinto & Rochelle Hall

East Cobb (Sandy Springs)

Tom & Kelly Brown
Stephen & Susan Adkins

Intown

John & Vivian Hanes

Northwest

(Kennesaw, Acworth)
Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Marietta Square

Alex & Jasmine Jackson
Adeoye & Megan Famodun

North Marietta
(South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

South

Gary & Dena Adams

West Cobb

(Smyrna, South Cobb)
Teregi & Anne Coleman
Michelle Wright

Community leader/staff emails

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(example: tombrown@nrcoc.com)

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Marietta, GA 30060
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Let Us Pray...

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved. — 1 Timothy 2:1-4a

October 27–November 2, 2019

| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Nov. 1 | 2 |
|---|----------------|--|---|--------------|----------------------|--|
| 9a & 11a Services 11a Teen Worship 12:30p YF Presentation 1p Campus Lunch 1p Financial Peace U. | | 10a Women's BS 10a Men's BS Campus TNL | 9a Spanish BS Community Midweeks | | Campus Costume Party | Father/Son Retreat 9:30a Diversity Training 9:30a Single's Discussion Groups |
| The Path | Greenville, SC | MGCC, Macon | Piedmont Triad | Pray for All | Auburn/Tuskegee | Chattanooga |

Midweek Updates

- Oct. 30:** Community Midweek
- Nov. 6:** All-Church Midweek, 7pm
- Nov. 13:** Community Midweek
- Nov. 20:** Community Midweek
- Nov. 27:** No Midweek (Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 4:** All-Church Midweek, 7pm

For Your Calendars...

- Nov. 1-3:** Father/Son Retreat, Camp Swamp
- Nov. 2:** Single's Workshop: Communication/Admin
- Nov. 2:** 90s YoPro Party, Birmingham, AL
- Nov. 10:** All AFRICA Service! / Campus Lunch
- July 2-5, 2020:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando, FL
- *Oct. 25-27:** Christian Professionals Conference (**CANCELLED**)

HOPE worldwide Africa Events!

(An invitation from HOPE worldwide)



Thank you, North River, for your support over the past years. You have played an important role in bringing hope to vulnerable children in Africa. Historically, each year we have held a "Superheroes 4 Orphans" walk/run at Georgia Tech in November, but there is none scheduled this year. We're still empowering these children who are our superheroes, so we're trying something new in the spirit of giving. We are hosting our first virtual event, and we would love for you to participate! Between now and the end of the campaign on Sunday, November 24, we invite you to get active for Africa!

Below are a few ways that you can help:

- Leading up to Nov. 24, we invite you to wear your superhero attire and do a fun walk/run or bike on your own or as a group. You can pick a date and location, invite your friends, and have some fun raising awareness in your neighborhood! (Be sure to send pictures!)
- Create your own [virtual fundraising page](#) and invite your friends and family to donate.
- Give to our virtual event campaign by making a donation at www.hopeww.org/superheroes.

We need your help to continue to win battles against the forces of poverty. Let's rally together to help young children have the best possible start in life. Thank you for empowering the next generation of superheroes!

-Dr. Marc Aguirre (Country Director - HOPE worldwide South Africa) &
-Dr. Mark Ottenweller (Volunteer Ambassador for HOPE worldwide)

All-Africa Service and Benefit Concert

- November 10: Dress up, join us and invite your friends for a special Sunday service to celebrate and bring awareness to African culture and needs.
- November 15: Join us for a special charity benefit concert at North River featuring some great African tunes and beats.



@NorthRiverCOC Wifi Password: **RejoiceAlways**

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00am, FLC 101

Join us for a series on the book of Proverbs, based on a book by Timothy Keller called *Proverbs: Understanding God's Wisdom for Navigating Life*.

Oct. 29: Marriage Part I - Suzanne C./Sylvia W. (POTLUCK)

Nov. 5: Marriage Part II - Lee Burroughs

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

10:00am, FLC 204

Join us for lessons learned from Elihu in the book of Job. Bring a friend and their spouse for the women's study as well!

Oct. 29: Listening

Nov. 5: Breath of the Almighty

Charla Bíblica de Mujeres de los Miércoles

El nacimiento nuevo en Cristo da paso a la transformación. A través de la Biblia, veremos como dejar el viejo yo y tomar el nuevo ser, tocando temas relevantes a la mujer. ¡Te esperamos!

Something Missing in the Newsletter? Not Getting Church Emails?

For the full newsletter, check the online version to find more important news, updates, prayer requests and resources. Visit www.nrcoc.org, click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters."

If you are not receiving church updates/alerts through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or contact your Community leader to get you added to the list.

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in September was \$42,069

Weekly Goal in October is \$47,000

| Date | Attendance | Contribution |
|---------|------------|--------------|
| Oct. 6 | 1,015 | \$53,696 |
| Oct. 13 | 1,036 | \$37,894 |
| Oct. 20 | 1,169* | \$35,095 |

*Includes Intown and Campus Retreat

North River's Vision Statement

We are a diverse family of believers who answered the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We are being transformed by God's Word, His Grace, and the Holy Spirit. Through small groups and deep relationships with one another, we join in Jesus' ministry and mission to make and mature disciples while we care for the needs of people. We do this to save as many as possible for the glory of God.

Singles Discussion Groups

The Singles and Young Professionals are getting together for workshops to discuss the identity of the North River singles and the vision and needs for this dynamic part of our fellowship. Jump on board and mark your calendars for the upcoming dates. All the sessions will be recorded, so if you can't attend and are interested, our brother Tosen Nwadei (tnwadei2014@gmail.com) will be sure to get the recording to you.



- **PART 1** (Past, email Tosen for info): **Getting Things Started** - What are the needs (if any) for singles in my Community group? What are people thinking and feeling? How can I serve and who'd be interested in getting involved?
- **PART 2** (Nov. 2, 9:30-10:45a, FLC 201): **Communication & Administration** - Working in teams, communicating in groups, and utilizing resources that save you time and effort.
- **PART 3** (Nov. 9, 9:30-10:45a, FLC 101): **Programming** - What should we do? And how often?

The 90's were ALL THAT!



Come join us for a night in "The Magic City," explore all that Birmingham has to offer, and be a part of our outreach to the community as we live out John 13:34-35!

Our sister church in Birmingham, Haven Rock Ministry, is going to have a BE KIND AND REWIND time to bring you a 90's party that you'll never forget! Please join us Nov 2, 7-11pm to make it a FULL HOUSE for a night of great 90's music from our live DJ as we play games, do the Macarena, and enjoy great food, fellowship, and fun.

This is a costume party, so dress up as your favorite Rugrats character, 90's icon, or just show up looking totally rad with your best windbreaker, fanny pack, or overalls! But whatever you do, put on your Dr. Martens, Jelly Sandals, or Skechers and get ready to dance because we will be playing your favorite 90's songs all night long! [Get your advanced tickets here for \\$10](#) and you'll be Saved by the Bell! Because the ticket prices increase at the door! AS IF! Check out the event on [Facebook](#) and contact info@havenrock.org for questions.

2020 Vision NYE Celebration!



The Charlotte singles are hosting a New Year's Eve weekend called "2020 Vision." Registration and details are [here](#), and the Facebook event is [here](#). Registration is \$20. Join us at the Charlotte Church (2200 Ashley Road, Charlotte, NC 28208), December 30 - January 1. Sounds like a fun way to spend the holiday, if you're looking for plans!

NEEDS IN OUR NORTH RIVER FAMILY

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ"
-1 Corinthians 12:12

With our growing church, additional building, and ongoing outreach, we have many growing opportunities to help. Please give a read of the following opportunities and see where God might want you to serve or help. Thank you for being the toes, the nose, and the elbows!

- **A SHOCKING NEED:** The Facilities staff is looking to consult with an electrician. If that's you, please email Jack Adams at jackadams@nrcoc.com.

- **SECURITY TEAM:** Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at meganfam.odun@nrcoc.com

- **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Nurses, doctors, and EMTs who can help when needed. Contact Kristi at kfitzbei@bellsouth.net.

- **VOLUNTEER BOOK MINISTER:** Alan Coates, who currently heads up the North River book ministry, is marrying in January and soon after, leaving the state. He will train you this fall to take over in December. Interested? Please email acoatesga@yahoo.com and CC dj@douglasjacoby.com.

- **WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com. (must be free Thursday nights)

- **SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:** Contact JohnHanes@nrcoc.com or TomBrown@nrcoc.com.

- **YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email northriver-yes@gmail.com.

- **HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP?** No problem! Hit me up with your interest at MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com. Thx.



Important Update on Children's Ministry

REGISTER NOW!

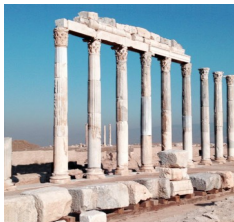
We are thrilled to announce this new rotation will feature a new digital check-in process. You can access the form to sign up your child at <http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration>. If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important. Please feel free to reach out to childrensministry@nrcoc.com or melissatulloch@nrcoc.com with any questions!

KIDOGO Online Videos & Content



At ICOC HotNews, a group of disciples took a leap of faith and began a YouTube channel they believe will help young Christians looking for advice and guidance. The channel is called [Kidogo](http://www.kidogotoolbox.com) and is run by volunteers. Check out these helpful tools and find out how to support Kidogo at www.kidogotoolbox.com.

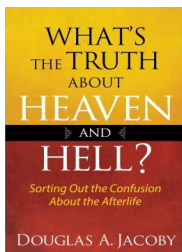
2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul...)



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul...) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to life. It is over a year away, but spaces go very fast. For more information, visit www.douglasjacoby.com.

October 19-26, 2020
(Pretour: October 16-19)

Book of the Month



This month, our featured book by Douglas Jacoby takes us to the realm above and below (or does it?). *What's the Truth About Heaven and Hell?* is sure to answer (from a biblical perspective) some of the questions, myths, and assumptions regarding the afterlife as we have seen it in culture, art, and history. **Normally \$14, this title is just \$12 in October and only \$10 for DJ's**

Newsletter subscribers. Text the word disciple to 66866 to join Douglas' newsletter, and stop by the book table to get your copy of this book today!

Where in the World is... DOUGLAS JACOBY?

| 2019 | |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Oct. 29 | Birmingham, UK |
| Nov. 2-9 | North Carolina Leaders Israel Tour |
| Dec. 6-8 | Johannesburg, South Africa |
| Dec. 8-9 | Port Elizabeth, South Africa |

Follow @NorthRiverCOC

If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach) please email Media@nrcoc.com.



But you don't have to volunteer to help! **Simply follow @NorthRiverCOC on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.** But don't stop there. Engage! Comments, likes, and shares increase the likelihood of people finding our church online, and we also encourage each other. Happy posting!

World Discipleship Summit



Join us for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida, as disciples from around the world share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible. [Check the website](#) to register and to find more helpful information:

- Singles, Youth, Women's and Men's classes
- Artist Showcase, Worship, and Animate events
- Chance to Dance program for those with special needs
- ICOC (campus) and Stronger (mental health) conferences
- How to register as an exhibitor
- Even discounted park tickets! What parks? Oh you know...

You can also join in now on [Facebook](#) where people from around the world have been sharing their excitement for months in anticipation of this incredible event.

Need a Place to Stay? Have a Room for Rent?



There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples.) There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitable volunteer, Sierra at sierrapierce19@gmail.com. Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

Join the Deaf Ministry ICOC

My name is Ruthanna Reardon. I'm a disciple in Athens, GA. I am writing to inquire if you have any deaf/hard of hearing (HH) disciples in your ministry, or any disciples who know American Sign Language (ASL), whether they are CODA/KODAs (child/kid of deaf adult) or ASL interpreters, or on the path to become ASL interpreters. We would like to extend an invitation for them to be a part of the Deaf Ministry ICOC (DMICOC). Please contact us if you have any questions. - Ruthanna Reardon, Dmicoc.org

Find us on [Facebook group](#) or [Twitter @DMICOC2019](#)

Prayer Requests

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thess 5:16

Have any prayer requests? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com.

Parking Spaces!

The leadership team has been monitoring the parking lot each service, and we are finding that spaces are filling up fast! This is a good problem to have, but when you are able, please help us keep more spaces open for visitors by parking in Howard Street Parking for All-Church Midweeks and especially for the 11am services. Thank you.

Support Camp Swamp with Amazon



Visit or click on the following link, do your shopping, and upon checking out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. (smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032). Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp. Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

3 Easy Ways to Give Online:



TITHE.LY

- Online: visit <https://tithe.ly/give?c=467483>
- App: Download the BLUE Tithe.ly Church App, then search for North River Church of Christ!
- Text: Text the word GIVE to (470) 460-6991

You can set up recurring gifts and also cover the processing fees for your donation if you wish. If you have any questions about setting up your giving on Tithe.ly, please call the church office at 770-792-8133 or email meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.

Do You Have Trouble Hearing the Service?

FRONT-ROW HEARING NOW INSTALLED!!

North River installed a hearing loop system to deliver clear sound to users of hearing aids or cochlear implants and others who have hearing loss. The hearing loop is installed under the carpet in a section on the left side of the auditorium. Please see an usher to identify which seats are within the loop. In this section, any telecoil-equipped hearing device (most hearing aids, all cochlear implants, and some personal receivers) can receive a clear transmission of the message and music without background noise.

If your hearing device has a telecoil, then use your telecoil input when sitting in the looped section. If you do not have a hearing device with a telecoil and need hearing assistance, request a receiver from an usher, and sit in the looped section.

Book Corner

To all new members: Please go to the North River book area (at the Welcome Desk) to collect your complimentary copy of **THRIVE: Using Psalms to Help You Flourish**, by Douglas Jacoby. You will find it under the Thrive! poster.

College students and high school seniors, your gift book is **Campus Core: How to Have Impact on Your Campus, Get Good Grades, and Figure Out Your Future**. See your campus minister, or Douglas (who can usually be found at the book corner between services and after second service), to receive a copy.

Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! **Please email:** newsletter@nrcoc.com. *Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time!*

We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly. **The weekly deadline is Wednesday at midnight** to newsletter@nrcoc.com. Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

Facilities and Requests

The challenge to fit and arrange all that the membership wants to do on our campus continues!

As good stewards of all that God gives us, let us keep the following in mind:

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot on the North River campus, please go to nrcoc.org, click on Resources and select Facility Request (<http://nrcoc.org/facility-request/>). Easily fill out and submit our new form from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members – weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc., will incur charges.
- HVAC systems (there are six in the FLC) are programmed on Mondays for the week. That means that all requests should be in **at least by the Friday of the week before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Don't assume all rooms are available to use if they are empty. You may get booted or those rooms may be considered off limits such as some children's ministry or staff rooms.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Until we get more space, flexibility is key!
- **Reminder!** The FLC is a NUT-FREE facility. Please keep this in mind when bringing lunch or potluck meals. Thank you for keeping those with serious food allergies safe.

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to events@nrcoc.com.